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Mr. Mark A. Valeri is the Associate Director for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) Joint Test Element (JTE). Mr. Valeri supports technical operations directed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense which include Quick Reaction Tests, Joint Tests, and Joint Service initiatives related to Tactics, Techniques and Procedures, rapid fielding, and Combatant Command priorities.

In May of 1983 he was commissioned into the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. His military education includes the Ordnance Officers' Basic and Advance Course, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, the Acquisition Management College, and the Army War College.

He earned a Master's Degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology and another Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Mr. Valeri is also a Level 3 certified Acquisition Corp Member in Test and Evaluation.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Valeri held the rank of Colonel and was the Director of JTE at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was instrumental in restructuring the reorganization of JTE while also transitioning the organization from its Fort Belvoir location to Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. During this period, he was selected to command ATEC's Forward Operational Assessment team and was responsible for assessing equipment fielded in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Valeri began his professional career as an analyst and later became a Vice President for an operations research company. His Department of Defense career began with an assignment to the Army Evaluation Center as a survivability testing and evaluation lead for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle program. He had overall responsibility and oversight for the MRAP source selection process up to and including all system upgrades. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he deployed to Iraq for 15 months and worked embedded with Iraqi soldiers as a Military Transition Team member responsible for training and advising the Iraqi military in Ar Rustamiah, Ar Ramadi, and Baghdad. He later worked in support of the homeland defense rapid response program and served as the Deputy Commander and Commander of Nuclear Disablement Teams and Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordination Elements for the 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

His command assignments include the 10th Battalion, 104th Division Command and General Staff College. His company command include activation of the 91st Direct Support Maintenance Company at Fort Bliss, Texas, and deployment of his company to Ansbach, Germany, with the 32nd Army Air Defense Command. While in Germany he also commanded the 106th Ordnance Company in Spangdahlem, and served as a 108th Brigade Materiel Officer in Kaiserslautern and a Class IX Officer in Worms.

Mr. Valeri's key military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; the Afghanistan and Iraqi Campaign Medal; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Meritorious Unit Citation; the Parachutist Badge; and the Combat Action Badge.